

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for supporting revision of a checklist for checking soundness of a company in accordance with revision of the laws and ordinances, the apparatus comprising:

a first database of a checklist containing check items for checking conformity by each of a plurality of departments of the company with the relevant laws and ordinances, said check items associated with names of the provisions of laws and ordinances,

a second database of laws/ordinances data including texts of provisions; and

a computer for supporting revision of the check list responsive to entry of revision of laws and ordinances; and ~~said computer being programmed to,~~

means for connecting said computer to an external database containing newest provisions of laws and ordinances for receiving revision information relative to the provisions of laws and ordinances;

said computer being configured to:

responsive to receipt of said revision information, determine whether the revision relate to the laws/ordinances stored in said second database;

if the determination is positive and the revision relates to deletion, delete from the checklist in said first database the name of the provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete relevant check item;

if the determination is positive and the revision relates to addition, add to the checklist in said first database the name of the provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist a check item associated with the added provision; and

if the determination is positive and the revision relates to updating, replace a relevant check item in the checklist associated with the updated provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the text of the updated provision; and

send signals via an intranet to the departments notifying the revision of the checklist.

~~produce revision information indicating deletion, addition or updating of respective provisions of the revised laws and ordinances;~~

~~delete from the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete a relevant check item when said revision information indicates deletion;~~

~~add to the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist a check item associated with the revised provision when said revision information indicates addition; and~~

~~replace a relevant check item in the checklist associated with the revised provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the text of the revised provision when said revision information indicates updating;~~

4. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of supporting revision of a checklist for checking soundness of a company in accordance with revision of the laws and ordinances, ~~the method comprising:~~ said checklist being stored in a first database and containing check items for checking conformity by each of a plurality of departments of the company with the relevant laws and ordinances, said check items associated with names of the provisions of laws and ordinances, texts of said relevant laws and ordinances being stored in a second database, the computer carrying out the steps of:

connecting the computer to an external database containing newest provisions of laws and ordinances and receiving revision information relative to the provisions of the relevant laws and ordinances stored in the second database;

if the revision information indicates deletion, deleting from the checklist the name of the provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete the relevant check item;

if the revision information indicates addition, adding to the checklist the name of the provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist the check item associated with the revised provision;

if the revision information indicates updating, replacing the relevant check item in the checklist associated with the revised provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the text of the revised provision; and

sending signals via an intranet to the departments notifying the revision of the checklist.

~~responsive to entry of revision of laws and ordinances, producing revision information indicating deletion, addition or updating of respective provisions of the revised laws and ordinances;~~

~~deleting from the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete a relevant check item when said revision information indicates deletion, said checklist being stored in a database including check items associated with provisions of laws and ordinances;~~

~~adding to the checklist a name of a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist a check item associated with the revised provision when said revision information indicates addition; and~~

~~replacing a relevant check item in the checklist associated with the revised provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the text of the revised provision when said revision information indicates updating.~~